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Reports received from the Soviet-occupied European countries prior to June 1950 do not indicate any recent change in the disposition of the Soviet Ground Forces. There are no indications that any units were withdrawn from the Soviet-occupied countries or that any new units arrived from the U.S.S.R. Latest reports indicate, however, that an extensive program was initiated in the Soviet Zone of Germany in early June 1950 to replace with recruits older troops who are to be demobilized.

Germany

1. Reports received [REDACTED] confirmed the known disposition of the Soviet Occupation Forces Germany prior to mid-June 1950. 25X1
2. Order of Battle data.

The following units and rear service installations in the Soviet Zone of Germany were confirmed or newly identified [REDACTED] * and /1/.

- a. GHQ units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOFG)
 - 25X1 56th Motor Trans Regt [REDACTED] in Krampnitz up to 28 May 1950
 - 25X1 36th Pan Bridge Regt [REDACTED] in Rosslau-Heinsdorf, up to 24 May 1950
 - 25X1 Hq 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig [REDACTED] in Potsdam-Nedlitz up to 26 May 1950

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HQ 18th Gas Defense Brig ? [] in 25X1
Mockrehna up to 1 June 1950

b. Rear Services of the GONG.

53rd Central Repair Shop [] in Berlin- 25X1
Oberschoeneweide up to 1 May 1950

54th Central Repair Shop, [] in Leipzig- 25X1
Wurzen up to 1 May 1950

Main Ration Supply Depot No 800 [] in 25X1
Satzkorn up to 28 May 1950

Main Clothing Depot [] in Bernau up 25X1
to 23 May 1950

Main Sig depot [] in Bad Saarow-pieskow 25X1
up to 3 June 1950

Main Medical Depot [] in Fuerstenwalde 25X1
and Lichtenberg up to 21 May 1950

Ration supply Depot No 820 [] in 25X1
Frankfurt/Oder up to 9 May 1950

Main Fuel supply Depot [] 25X1
in Valtin up to 2 June 1950

Main Ordnance Shop and Distributing Point [] 25X1
[] in Jessen up to 27 May 1950 25X1

c. Eighth Gds Army.

43rd (Gds) Gun Arty Brig [] in the Alten- 25X1
burg-Weimar area up to 1 June 1950

65th Gds Mecz Regt, [] in Weimar-Nohra 25X1
(temporarily in Ohrdruf) up to 31 May 1950

d. Third Shock Army.

132d Gds Arty Regt (?), [] and CO 25X1
Lieutenant Colonel Franchenko, (fnu), in Schwerin
up to May 1950

HQ 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, [] in Schwerin 25X1
up to May 1950

74th (?) Tank SP Regt, [] in Schwerin up 25X1
to 9 May 1950

60th Mecz Regt, [] in Parchim up to 22 25X1
April 1950

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120th Mtrcl Bn, [] in Parchim or 25X1
 Perleberg, up to 9 March 1950.

An AAA Regt of the 18th Mecz Div, [] 25X1
 in Parchim or Perleberg up to 27 April 1950

A Medium Tank Regt of the 18th Mecz Div, [] 25X1
 in Parchim up to 22 April 1950.

e. First Gds Mecz Army.

Army Fuel Depot, [] in Dresden- 25X1
 Friedrichstadt up to 22 May 1950.

f. Second Gds Mecz Army.

Hq 9th Gds Tank Div, [] in Neustrelitz 25X1
 up to 3 June 1950

65th Gds Tank Regt, [] in Neustrelitz up 25X1
 to 4 January 1950

Hq 1st Mecz div, [] in Doeberitz- 25X1
 Krampnitz up to 20 June 1950.

g. Third Gds Mecz Army.

Hq 14th Gds Mecz Div, [] in Jueterbog 25X1
 up to 20 May 1950

49th Gds Mecz Regt, [] in Jueterbog up 25X1
 to 20 May 1950

A RL Bn of the 14th Gds Mecz Div, [] 25X1
 in Jueterbog up to 20 May 1950.

h. Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

Hq 6th Gds Mecz Div, [] in Bernau up to 25X1
 22 April 1950

82d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt, [] in Bernau 25X1
 or Eberswalde up to 27 April 1950

20th Mtz Rifle Regt, [] in Oranienburg 25X1
 up to March 1947

63rd Gds Tank Regt, [] in Krampnitz or 25X1
 Brandenburg up to 7 April 1950

359th Gds AAA Regt, [] in Krampnitz up 25X1
 to 16 May 1950

248th Gds RL Bn, [] in Krampnitz up 25X1
 to 30 May 1950.

i. Unit whose superior headquarters is not known.

367th Gds SP Arty Regt (?), [] in 25X1
 Rathenow up to 20 June 1950.

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3. Training. Movement of divisions, army headquarters units and GHQ units to troop training grounds.

the movement of most divisions, army headquarters units, and GHQ units to troop training grounds was completed by mid-May 1950.

indicate transfer of the 94th Gds Artz Rifle Div of the Third Shock Army, and of the three divisions of the Second Gds Mecz Army, consisting of the 9th Gds Tank Div, 12th Gds Mecz Div and 1st Mecz Div. The divisions mentioned were still at their posts at that time, and were holding field maneuvers at nearby training fields. Four trains carrying personnel and material of the 1st Mecz Div were seen heading toward Wustrow and an unspecified destination on 2 June 1950. One of these trains returned in mid-June 1950. /2/and/3/

Rotation of units which had remained at the Weimar post, and units which had gone to troop training grounds was reported in from the billeting area of the Eighth Gds Army in early June 1950. /4/

contained little data on only a few troop training grounds, specifying the arrival or the location of units at troop training grounds.

4. special exercises.

a. GHQ artillery.

The movement of artillery components of the IV Arty Corps to Altengrabow during the period from late March to late April 1950 was confirmed by other reports of mid-June 1950.

elements of the 38th AT Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army may have gone to Altengrabow, as they did in 1949.

b. AAA units.

The movement of elements of the AAA divisions and of AAA units of line divisions from their posts to the Wustrow Peninsula, and vice versa, which started in mid-April 1950, continued in May and early June 1950.

elements of seven AAA divisions and organic AAA units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div and the 6th Gds Mecz Div were in the AAA training area on the Wustrow Peninsula after the end of April 1950. /6/

5. Training at military posts.

units remaining there after the transfer of troops to troop training grounds were engaged in training of recruits, including motor vehicle and tank drivers, in their billeting areas or in nearby areas.

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6. Personnel.

- a. Additional shipments of recruits arrived at Soviet Zone posts in late April and in May 1950. These included:

| | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Potsdam | - | about 600 men /7/ |
| Dessau-rosslau | - | 76 boxcars loaded with troops /8/ |
| Leipzig-Heiter- | | |
| blick | - | 700 to 800 men /9/ |
| Ramenz | - | about 300 troops /10/ |
| Ludwigslust | - | 800 to 1,000 soldiers /11/ |

Recruits arriving in the Soviet Zone of Germany from the USSR up to the end of May 1950 apparently came only in small contingents, but those arriving since the beginning of June 1950 came by trainloads running on a regular schedule.

[redacted] a total of twenty-nine 55 to 60-car trains with military personnel passed through the station en route to the Soviet Zone of Germany from 3 to 31 June 1950. It is also possible that some trains with recruits bound for the Soviet Zone of Germany went via Frankfurt/Oder.

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- b. [redacted] older troops belonging to the 1925 and 1926 classes who were due for demobilization were shipped to the USSR in May and June 1950, including the following:

| | | |
|------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| From Jueterbog | - | 2 trains /12/ and /13/ |
| From Potsdam | - | 200 soldiers /14/ |
| From Bad Freien- | | |
| walde (possibly | | |
| the discharge | | |
| center of the | | |
| Fourth Gds Mecz | | |
| Army | - | about 1,200 troops /15/ |
| From Rathenow | - | preparations for discharge of |
| | | about 900 men. /16/ |

[redacted] that two trains totaling 105 cars left Rathenow via Falkenberg, presumably proceeding east, two east-bound trains totaling 120 cars went via Huestrin-Kietz and 42 railroad cars were dispatched from Jueterbog to the east.

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Although many small groups of soldiers to be discharged presumably went to the USSR aboard regular trains during recent months, and although rail movements in both directions were not fully covered, [redacted]

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[redacted] the number of recruits arriving in the Soviet Zone of Germany surpassed the number of troops shipped out for demobilization. It therefore appears possible that the recent influx of recruits was designed not only to replace the demobilized personnel but also to bring the units to full strength.

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8. Transportation situation.

- a. The traffic situation of the Soviet zone railroads was slightly improved in early June 1950. There were operational difficulties on railroad lines in southern Saxony because of congestion. There was a total of 91 trains awaiting dispatch in the entire zone on 3 June 1950. The locomotive situation is satisfactory.
- b. The following coal reserves were available on 3 June 1950 (quantities stated in tons):

| | Hard coal | Brown coal briquettes | Coal dust | Total |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Operational stocks | 8,824 | 69,237 | 109 | 78,170 |
| Emergency reserve | 95,000 | 27,500 | - | 122,500 |
| Total: | | | | 200,670 tons |

This reserve is sufficient for about 10 days of normal operations. Coal reserves had dwindled to enough for two days in April 1950. /18/

c. Construction projects.

- (1) The Loewenberg-Neustadt-Rathenow branch line is being converted into a main line through reinforcing the rails, ties and ballast of the permanent way. The trunk lines leading from Berlin to the north and north-west will thus be given a more efficient cross-connection.
- (2) A second track is being laid on the Wittenberge-Geestgottberg section of the Wittenberge-Magdeburg trunk line. This project is to eliminate the worst bottleneck on this line. /20/
- (3) The Lichtenberg marshaling yard is being enlarged to exceed its former capacity of 1,800 freight cars per day. The improvement of the marshaling yard was necessitated by the opening of the Marzahn-Karow-Oranienburg line of the northern section of the Berlin Outer Freight Ring and the imminent completion of the Grossbeeren-Mahlow-Schoenefeld line on the southern section of this freight ring.
- d. By order of the Soviets, freight traffic control points were established on all the approach lines to Berlin on 25 May 1950. /21/ Although the primary purpose of this

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measure may be the stopping of illegal interzonal trade, it may eventually be used as an effective Soviet measure in the "cold war" for Berlin.

- e. The Neu Petershain (N 52/A 45) railroad station, on the Cottbus-Senftenberg line, was made the new assembly point for reparation deliveries, chiefly prefabricated houses, to the USSR. Up to 250 loaded cars are awaiting dispatch at that point.
- f. Information from the Schwerin and Cottbus railroad districts stated that numerous younger railroad workers had to be transferred to the Volkspolizei and the uranium mines.
- g. The Directorate General of the Soviet Zone Railroads, following orders from the Soviets, decreed that portable equipment for 7,000 boxcars consisting of benches or bunks, arms racks, stoves, etc., be procured and stored by the eight regional railroad directorates. This equipment is used for the speedy conversion of standard boxcars for troop movements. The following quotas were assigned to the various regional railroad directorates:

| Railroad district | Number of Units to be provided |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Berlin | 2,147 |
| Cottbus | 429 |
| Dresden | 1,431 |
| Erfurt | 572 |
| Greifswald | 716 |
| Halle | 930 |
| Magdeburg | 501 |
| Schwerin | 429 |

Total: 7,155 /22/

- h. The reported production of convertible refrigerator cars in the Weimar Car Factory confirms for the first time a previous assumption that convertible cars are now being built in the Soviet Zone of Germany by the modern Czech method. This method consists of the shifting of the wheels so that the cars may be used on both standard and Soviet-gauge tracks. The former procedure of exchanging the undercarriages has been eliminated by this method. /23/
- i. The members of the locomotive brigades stationed in Frankfurt/Oder have been restricted to their quarters since 16 June 1950. These German train crews are being used for Soviet transit traffic through Poland. About 376 column-locomotives, organized into 13 locomotive columns consisting of 25 to 30 locomotive brigades each, are available for this transit traffic. One brigade consists of one locomotive and one railroad car serving as living quarters for the crew. Whether

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this measure has been ordered for the other locomotive columns or for the four columns in Frankfurt/Oder is unknown. /24/

9. MGB/MVD units.

In general, information received during the period covered by the report did not indicate any change in the situation of MGB/MVD units. /1/

Austria - western Hungary

The general disposition of the Soviet occupation troops of the Central Group of Forces in Austria and western Hungary remained constant up to mid-June 1950.

10. Units [redacted]
25X1 included the 44th Gds Mecz Regt, [redacted] in Vienna
25X1 up to 16 May 1950; the 127th Indep Tank Bn of the 44th
25X1 Gds Mecz Regt, in Vienna up to 16 May 1950; and the
46th Gds Mecz Regt, [redacted] in Vienna up to 14 April
1950.

11. Training areas.

- a. The transfer of elements of the 13th Gds Mecz Div and
the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div to the poellersheim troop
25X1 training grounds was confirmed by several reports [redacted]
25X1 [redacted]
entire units, particularly of the 13th Gds Mecz Div,
were still at their posts at the end of May 1950, pos-
sibly engaged in training replacements. /26/
- b. Elements of the GHQ AAA unit, possibly the 23rd AAA
Div or Regt, were confirmed at the Apetlon troop train-
25X1 ing grounds [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] elements 25X1
of the GHQ AAA unit returning to the Kornenburg home
station from Apetlon on 18 June 1950.
- c. The same infor ant also supplemented a previous report
on the movement of component units of the 17th Gds Mecz
Div from the Szombathely-Gyöer area to the Haymasker
troop training grounds. /29/

Eastern Hungary - Rumania

12. Information from the Timisoara area was supplied [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] for the first time, thus confirming the
location of Soviet troops in that area up to late May 1950. /30/
[redacted] previous reports from Rumania, /31/ and /1/, indicate
that the Soviet forces in eastern Hungary and Rumania may
have the following disposition:

- a. One tank division or mechanized division in the Kec-
kemet-Cegled area, eastern Hungary. It may be the

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2d Gds Mecz Div, which was assumed to be in the Craiova area, Rumania, prior to the fall of 1949, but which probably moved to Hungary in the fall of 1949.

- b. One tank division or mechanized division in the Timisoara-Arad area, Rumania, Banat.
- c. No information is available on a third division previously assumed to be in Rumania. It is considered possible that elements of such a third division may be stationed in the Craiova-Bucharest area, Rumania. Small Soviet details observed in Craiova, [redacted] which were observed in Bucharest in February 1950 were indicative of Soviet units in the area mentioned. /32 and /33/
- d. Summarizing, only two divisions can be safely assumed to be in eastern Hungary and Rumania at this time.
- e. The troop trains running from the USSR to Hungary via Zahony, and to Rumania via Jassy during the fall of 1949 probably carried only replacements and supplies for Soviet forces there. /34 and /35/

Poland

13. [redacted] in Poland independently supplied the following information: /24 and /39/

- a. Polish military quarters in Lowicz and Skierniewice were taken over by Soviet troops on 26 May 1950. [redacted]
- b. About 17,000 Soviet troops were in the Lowicz area in mid-June 1950, allegedly ready for shipment to the west. [redacted]
- c. Two hundred Soviet troops were located in Kutno in early June 1950. [redacted] The information contained in paragraph b seems to be exaggerated and is considered a rumor. It is considered possible, however, that Soviet troops may have recently been assigned guard missions along the Brest Litovsk - Frankfurt/Oder trunk line.

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14. [redacted] the Soviet Zone of Germany and Austria during the period covered by the report indicated the military posts in the USSR of twenty units, including the following three which were re-identified for the first time since the war:

- a. 169th Gds Rifle Regt of the 1st Moscow Gds Rifle Div, [redacted] in Koenigsberg, Baltic PD. Having been

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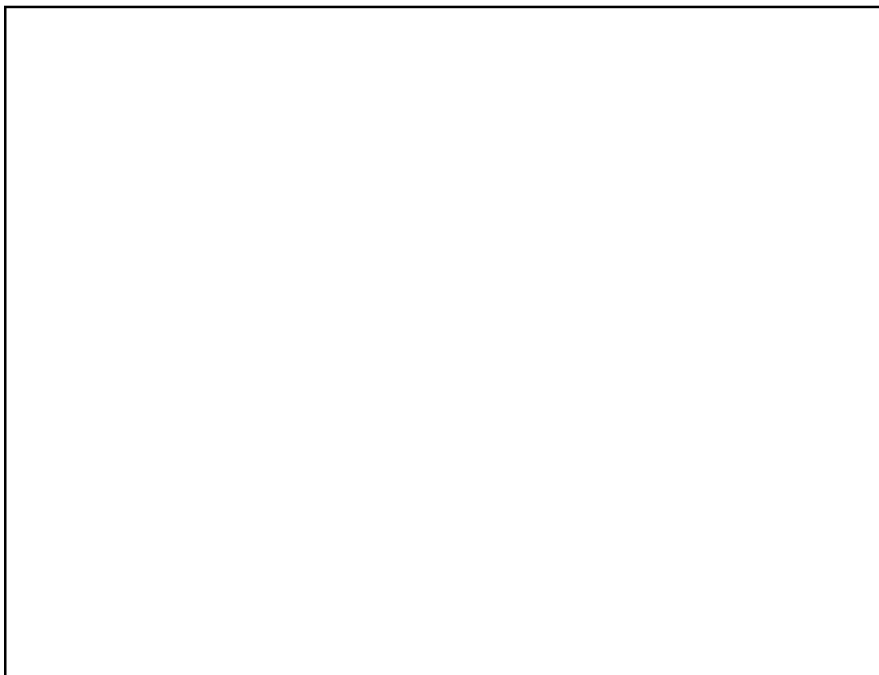
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assigned to the Eleventh Gds Army throughout the war, the division may still belong to this army, which is assumed to be in East Prussia./36/

- 25X1 b. Hq 271st Rifle Div [] in Alabino, south of Moscow. The division was activated in the Moscow MD and was assigned to the First Gds Army during the war. /37/
- 25X1 c. 54th Gds Rifle Regt of the 19th Gds Rifle Div, []
25X1 [] at an unspecified location. As the division was activated in the Novosibirsk Oblast, West Siberia MD, it may have moved back to that area after the war. /38/
- 25X1 * [] Comment. See Annex 1 for detailed data on Soviet Order of Battle situation in Germany as of mid-June 1950.

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